ensure availability of raw material at reasonable prices, designed various schemes to make available standard varieties of cloth to economically weaker section of the society like Janata Cloth Schemes, controlled cloth and Sulabh Schemes etc.

Production of Janata Cloth

475. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the States which are implementing "Janata Cloth Scheme";

(b) what were the production targets and actual production of Janata Cloth during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92;

(c) what is the production target of Janata Cloth for the year 1992-93; and

(d) what is the rate of subsidy on cotton and woollen Janata Cloth?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) The following are the names of the States which are currently implementing the Janata Cloth Scheme in the handloom sector:—

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Bihar
4. Gujarat
5. Haryana
6. Himachal Pradesh
7. Jammu & Kashmir
8. Karnataka
9. Kerala
10. Madhya Pradesh
11. Maharashtra
12. Manipur
13. Orissa
14. Punjab
15. Rajasthan
16. Tamilnadu
17. Tripura
18. Uttar Pradesh
19. West Bengal

(b) The targets and achievement of production of janata cloth during the past two years are as follows:—

	(in million square metres)	
Year	Target	Achievement
1990-91	600	477.15
1991-92	450	402.69

(c) The production target for 1992-93 has been fixed at 450 million square metres.

(d) The current rate of subsidy is Rs. 3.40 per square metre on cotton janata cloth and Rs. 13.60 per square metre on woollen janata cloth.

Purchasing Centres of JCI

476. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reduce the number of jute purchasing centres of Jute Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Jute Corporation of India has been suffering from lack of funds ever since the new economic policy was announced; and

(d) if so, in what manner Government propose to support the Jute Corporation of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government guarantees the margin money requirement of Jute Corporation of India in order to enable it to conduct price support operations and also reimburses the losses, if any, that may be incurred by JCI in such operations.